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SUBJ: SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER DE LA FLOR

1. THE SECRETARY ACCOMPANIED BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS MET AFTERNOON OF SEPTEMBER 24 WITH PERUVIAN FONMIN DE LA FLOR, ACCOMPANIED BY PERUVIAN UN PERMREP SILVA AND FONMIN SPOKESMAN FAURA.

2. AFTER DE LA FLOR RENEWED INVITATION TO VISIT PERU, THE SECRETARY INFORMED HIM HE IS PLANNING LATIN AMERICAN TRIP, DURING WHICH VISIT TO LIMA WOULD BE INCLUDED, IN EITHER NOVEMBER OR JANUARY. DECISION ON TIMING KEYED TO PRESIDENT'S FOREIGN TRAVEL PLANS, BUT SECRETARY HOPES TO BE ABLE TO SET DATES FOR A TRIP TO LATIN AMERICA BY EARLY OCTOBER.

3. THE FONMIN COMPLIMENTED THE SECRETARY ON THE CONTENTS OF HIS MAJOR POLICY SPEECH SEPTEMBER 1 TO 7TH SPECIAL SESSION AND SAID IT HAS BEEN WELL RECEIVED AMONG OTHER DELEGATIONS WITH WHOM HE HAD SPOKEN. HE WENT ON TO RECOUNT THE GOP'S EFFORTS AT THE LIMA NAC TO SOFTEN RESOLUTIONS AGAINST ISRAEL AND CHILE. HE FELT RESULTS OF THE LIMA MEETING HELPED CREATE IMPROVED CLIMATE FOR DIALOGUE AND CONCILIATION AT BOTH THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION AND THE 30TH UNGA.

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4. THE SECRETARY AGREED THAT THE LIMA NAC WAS CONSTRUCTIVE

AND THAT HE IS DETERMINED TO WORK HARD TO DEVELOP A FRAME-
WORK OF COOPERATION WITH THE NAC BECAUSE THE U.S. DOES NOT
WANT CONFRONTATION.

5. FONMIN DE LA FLOR THEN TURNED TO ONLY BILATERAL PROBLEM
HE WAS TO MENTION DURING 30-MINUTE MEETING, HE MARCONA
CASE.

6. HE PREFACED HIS REMARKS BY SAYING PERU BELIEVES
THAT IN DEALING WITH PROBLEMS IT MAY HAVE WITH THE UNITED
STATES, IT SHOULD ATTEMPT TO FIND SOLUTIONS THROUGH
CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE WITH THE FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION
WHICH HAS EXISTED BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. HE SAID HE
WAS INSTRUCTED BY PRESIDENT MORALES BERMUDEZ TO TELL THE
SECRETARY THAT IN ITS DISCUSSIONS WITH MARCONA, THE GOP
HAS FOUND THE COMPANY TO BE INTRANSIGENT (DE LA FLOR'S
"INTRANSIGENTE" CAME OUT IN FAURA'S TRANSLATION AS "A
WASTE OF TIME"). HE SAID CONTINUATION OF THESE DISCUSSIONS
WILL LEAD NOWHERE.

7. THE GOP'S POSITION, HE CONTINUED, IS THAT IT HAS A
DECREE LAW IT MUST LIVE WITH, A LAW WHICH, FOR BETTER OR
FOR WORSE, EXISTS. HE SAID MORALES BERMUDEZ FEELS THAT TO
DEROGATE THIS LAW WOULD CREATE POLITICAL DANGERS TOO
GREAT TO RISK. THEREFORE, THE GOP PROPOSES
AN EXCHANGE OF IDEAS ON THE GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT LEVEL
SEEKING A "VIABLE FORMULA" THAT SETTLES THE QUESTION
IN A WAY SATISFACTORY TO BOTH SIDES.

8. THE SECRETARY REPLIED THAT THE USG HAS NO INTENTION
OF INVOLVING ITSELF IN CONFLICT WITH PERU AND TOLD DE
LA FLOR THAT ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS WILL WORK
WITH PERUVIAN AUTHORITIES TO FIND A SETTLEMENT. THE FONMIN
EXPRESSED DEEP APPRECIATION AND EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE
THAT CONTINUED GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND PERU
WILL PREVAIL.

9. AT THAT POINT THE MEETING ENDED.
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